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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM CAIRO JUL 11

QUOTE S E C R E T CAIRO 6838

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DEPT PASS SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR EG IS ACOM
SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATION: MESSAGE FOR FAHMY

REF: SECTO 06027

1. BY THE TIME REFTEL RECEIVED, IT WAS PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE ARRANGE MEET YOU IN BONN TONIGHT OR TOMORROW. LONDON WOULD STILL HAVE BEEN POSSIBILITY, BUT I AM MINDFUL OF YOUR PREFERENCE THIS BE ABOIDED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

2. ACCORDINGLY, I TALKED WITH FAHMY ON THE SECURE PHONE A FEW MINUTES AGO AND OUTLINED THE WHOLE SITUATION AS SET FORTH REFTEL. HE WAS APPRECIATIVE OF THE BRIEFING ON THE PRESENT STATE OF PLAY AND
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SAID THE INFORMATION WILL BE HELPFUL TO THE PRESIDENT.

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3. ALTHOUGH I MENTIONED THE LONDON POSSIBILITY
TO HIM, I STRESSED YOU DID NOT BELIEVE ANYTHING
DEFINITIVE COULD BE GIVEN TO THE EGYPTIANS AFTER
YOUR MEETING WITH RABIN. ISRAELI CABINET MEETING
IS NECESSARY AND THIS WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL
SUNDAY. I ALSO POINTED OUT THAT AN AIRPORT
MEETING WITH YOU IN LONDON, SHORTLY AFTER YOU
HAVE MET WITH RABIN IN BONN, WILL INEVITABLY
AROUSE PUBLIC EXPECTATIONS AND SPECULATION AT
A TIME WHEN THE OUTCOME IS STILL NOT CLEAR. I WOULD
IN ANY CASE PROBABLY HAVE TO GO TO WASHINGTON NEXT
WEEK. IF I LEFT TUESDAY, AS PLANNED, IT WAS
YOUR VIEW THAT I SHOULD BE ABLE TO BE BACK IN
CAIRO BY FRIDAY NIGHT, JULY 18. THIS WOULD ENABLE
ME TO BRIEF THE PRESIDENT AND HIM THE FOLLOWING
DAY, WELL BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED SPEECH.
(THE SPEECH IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR THE EVENING OF
JULY 22.)

4. FAHMY WAS RELAXED AND ACCEPTED YOUR JUDGMENT.
HE ASKED ME TO WISH YOU GOOD LUCK.

5. I PLAN TO DEPART TUESDAY, JULY 15, AS PREVIOUSLY
INDICATED. BARRING UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES, I
SHOULD BE IN WASHINGTON SAME NIGHT.
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